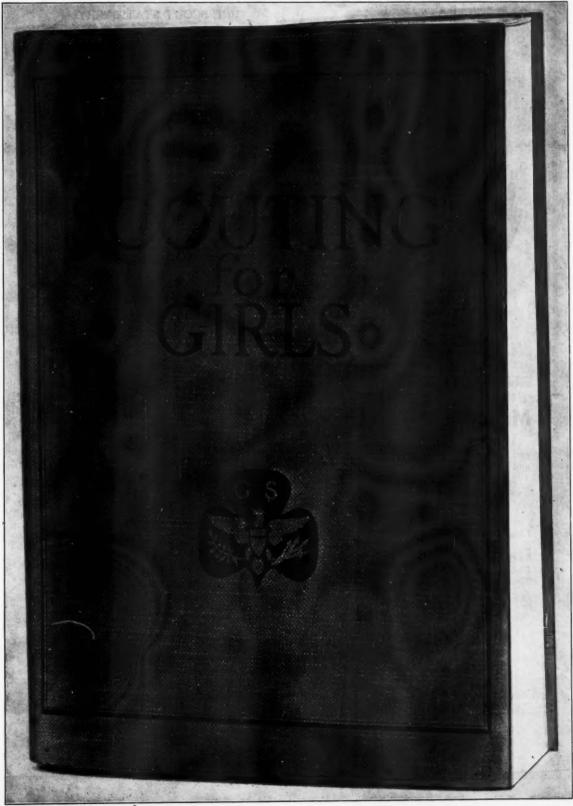
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The RALLY has been delighted with your interest, your enthusiasm and your support during the last year.

So many of you have said: "The RALLY is so good we wish there was more of it! Can't we have more stories and more departments so that not only Girl Scouts, but all girls will want to take it."

Because of your encouragement we have decided to take a step that has been under consideration for many months. We are going to try to make ourselves into the kind of magazine that all girls of scout age will enjoy. And we shall start by changing our name.

After this month we shall cease to be The RALLY. In our June number we shall come proudly forth with a new title which we hope will please you as it does us. It will be

THE AMERICAN GIRL

A Magazine for Girl Scouts and Girls Who Love Scouting

Isn't that fine! For every scout is an American girl—the very finest kind of an American girl—and all the other thousands of girls who, we hope, are going to enjoy our magazine with us are American girls, too.

Don't be afraid that we are going to leave out any scout news. There will be just as much scouting material as ever, but in addition, there are going to be so many other things that you will be delighted with THE AMERICAN GIRL even if you haven't yet become a scout.

For one thing, there will be more stories. Beginning with June there will be at least two good pieces of fiction in every issue. Soon there will be other features. Watch for them!

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This new and better magazine will of course cost us much more money than the old RALLY. It will be worth more to you, too, and we shall have to charge more for it. But although we hope to give you double value, we shall raise the price only 50 cents.

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THE NEW HANDBOOK AT LAST

By the time that this issue of THE RALLY reaches our readers, it is quite possible that the long waited new handbook, "Scouting for Girls," may be in their hands. After two years of hard work on the part of all the people who have made the new book possible, we are now offering it to the Scouts with all the regret in the world that our work should be made to seem doubly slow, because of the unfortunate conditions of the printing and paper market, which have been holding us back for many many weeks, long after the book itself was quite ready to be given to you. We can only hope that the imposing size of the new volume, the mass of new material, which has never before been offered to the Scouts, and the interesting collection of pictures and photographs will make up to you all for the long wait you have endured so patiently.

One of the nicest things about the new book, in our opinion, is the fact that it is bound to prove interesting to so many girls and young women who are not actually engaged in Scouting. The helpful hints on

Camping, First Aid and Home Nursing must be of interest to all girls who expect to take a useful place in the world today, and the description and pictures of animal and bird life, flowers and trees, must be of great interest to all young naturalists whether or not they are so lucky to be Scouts. For the benefit of all those who have not at present got their Handbook, we are showing in this issue of THE RALLY a number of pictures taken from the book, and these, together with the book itself as it appears on our cover, must certainly interest many of our friends who occasionally see THE RALLY, although they are not yet enrolled in our organization.

We do not want to seem too proud of this corner-stone of our new Scout library, but we cannot refrain from telling you all, here and now, that we consider it to be about the best seventy-five cents worth any practical out-of-door girl can find on the market today.

We suggest that all Girl Scouts make it their business to see that one or more copies of the book are in the Public Library of their town, and in the School Library wherever there is one.

We want to make it especially clear to you that there is nothing required of the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class Scout which cannot be found in this Handbook. Although it is advisable to read up on all the subjects as widely as possible, all of these three tests can be passed by anyone who has no other book of reference than our Handbook.

All the Merit Badges and requirements for all Group Badges and the Golden Eaglet are, of course, thoroughly explained with directions as to where to look for the best material to help in passing them.

Scouts will be interested in the long list of selected fiction for girls' pleasure reading and especial attention is called to the little explanations of the Ten Scout Laws, which are very suggestive and helpful to dis-

cussions on the laws without being long or tiresome.

Any Scout who keeps this Handbook in her room for constant reference and reads The Rally every month for her amusement and for keeping up to date with the Girl Scouts, is bound to be a First Class Scout whether or not she has won her First Class Badge.

WAR SERVICE AWARD

Elizabeth Brasefield, New Brunswick, N. J.

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCE-MENTS

When ordering hats be sure to state whether or not you wish it khaki or felt. These hats are both sold for \$1.75 and unless it is stated clearly which kind of a hat is desired, confusion and delay is sure to arise.

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Our Captain's Page

TASTES OF THE NEW HANDBOOK

To Whet the Captain's Appetite. CONFERRING SECOND CLASS BADGES

The Troop being assembled in any desired formation, the Captain calls forward those who have passed the

-, you have Captain: "Scout learned what is necessary for a Seccond Class Scout to know. Do you think you can apply your knowledge, if the occasion should arise?"

Scout: "I think so, and I will al-

ways try to Be Prepared."
Captain: "Scouts (reciting the candidates' names in order), do you think that the discipline and training you have gone through have made you more capable of doing your duty to God and to your country, of helping other people at all times and of obeying the Scout Laws, than you were as a Tenderfoot?"

Scouts (together): "Yes."

Captain (pinning on each badge, and speaking to each Scout as she does so): "You are now a Second Class Scout, which means that though you have learned much, you have still much to learn.'

Captain dismisses Second Class Scouts to their Troop position. (Here the Captain may address the Troop at her discretion.)

SECOND CLASS TEST

While it is not necessary to devote any specified length of time to the training for this test, it is well to remember that if too long a time is



Black-eyed Susan—Photographed by G. Glyde Fisher. —From "Scouting for Girls"

taken, either because of lack of interest on the part of the Troop, or to inflexible standards on the part of the Captain, the possibility of win-ning Merit Badges is delayed and the feeling of steady progress is likely to be lost. The girls should be urged to keep together as a body, and reminded that regular attendance and team-work will be fairer to all. Quick learners can spend their extra time on private or group preparation for their Merit Badges, for which they become eligible as soon as they have passed the test, but not before.

This test may be given by the Troop Captain, or at her request by

another Captain or competent authority, such as a registered nurse for bedmaking, health officer for First Aid, fire chief for fire prevention, and so forth.

FIRST CLASS TEST

Work on this test should not be hurried. It is purposely made more thorough and more difficult, because it is designed for the older and longer trained Scout. The work for the Merit Badges, which all Scouts enjoy, should not be considered as interfering with this period, as such work is also the preparation for a possible Golden Eaglet degree. As a general rule, girls under fifteen are not likely to make thoroughly trained First Class Scouts, nor is the com-munity likely to take their technical ability in the important subjects very seriously. The First Class Scout is the ideal Scout, of whom the organization has every right to feel proud; and ability to grasp a subject quickly and memorize details is not so important as practical efficiency, re-liability and demonstrated usefulness to the Troop and the community. While the standard must not be set so high as to discourage the average girls, impatience to get through in any given time should not be encouraged, as this is not important.

THE SCOUT AIDE

The six following subjects, Home Economics, Child Care, First Aid, Home Nursing, Public Health, and Personal Health are grouped together, and for proficiency in all of





Courtesy American Museum Natural History
Baby Opossums-From "Scouting for Girls"
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Loon with nest-From "Scouting for Girls"



THE SCOUT SCRAP BOOK



MY GARDEN

The world is full of gardens gay When summer time comes round; Their fragrance and their rainbow hues

Thrill us with joy profound.

Then winter hurls his icy blasts' And turns them brown and sear, Until, relenting, snow he sends
To hide a sight so drear.

But I have found a garden plot
That's always blossoming;
Where old Jack Frost can do no
harm,

And all the year is spring.

The flaming flow'r of hope grows there,

And one we call "true blue,"
While all about this wondrous place
Are love and faith blooms, too.

You envy me my nosegays bright? And will I with them part? You'll find them all if you peep in Some little maiden's heart!

M. S. Volger, Buffalo, N. Y.

ALBANY, N. Y.

Girl Scout activities for the past week have centered around the meeting Thursday night in the Calvary Methodist Church, when the Patrol Leaders, Corporals, Secretaries, Treasurers and First Class Scouts from all the Albany troops met together for the first time in the history of Girl Scouting in Albany. It began at 5:15 P. M., when a supper, of individual box lunches and soup (cooked and served by the girls of Troop 5) was eaten between the cheers and songs of the Scouts. From the dining room they marched into the gymnasium, with Scouts from Troop 1 acting as Captain and Lieutenant, where patrols were formed, allegiance was pledged, the Star Spangled Banner sung and the Scout Promise and Laws repeated. Girls from Troop 15 then marched in, carrying a beautiful French flag, and the contributions were made to America's Gift to France. As the troop numbers were called a representative stepped forward, saluted, put the money in the box and re-ceived the tags. Fifteen troops were 100 per cent contributors.

At the business meeting which followed, a Scout from Troop 4 presided and introduced Mrs. L. Whittington Gorham, Chairman of the Court of Honor, who gave a short talk on the privileges and responsibilities of the girls holding offices in the troops. Then reports were made, a girl from each troop giving a oneminute account of the work and play of her group and reasons for its success. A half hour of games followed, in charge of girls of Troop 3, and then a formal closing with announcements ended the meetingexcept for Troop 15, whose fine spirit was responsible for the cleaning and washing up which kept them working hard for a good half hour extra. Every girl contributed to the success of the meeting, but particular praise should be given to the Scouts of Troops 1, 8, 4, 5 and 15.

The final report of the part of the Girl Scouts in America's Gift to France Drive show that 28,000 tags were strung in one week for Tag Day on March 27, and \$27.00 was contributed by the individual girls. The troops which led in the records of stringing the tags are: Troop 8 8,700, Troop 11, 3,800, and Troops 5 and 12 2,500.

THE ARGUS, Albany, N. Y.

WANTED!

Contributions for The Scout Scrap Book for July. Letters—not over 300 words

long; "Real Americans."

Photographs (must be sharp) or Drawing; "Real Americans."

Verses—not over 24 lines long.

Must contain the word

"Americans."

All contributions must be received by June 10th. The best material will appear in the July Number. Address: The Rally, Nat'l Hdqts., Girl Scouts, 189 Lexington Ave., New York City.

Contributions must be original

Read above rules carefully.

Unavailable material cannot be returned unless stamps are enclosed.

THE NEGLECTED GARDEN

Once a garden grew in much neglected state,

It felt very sad to be left to such a fate.

"I wish I had a friend To care for me each day, To hoe me and to water me, Oh, help me, someone pray!"

A Girl Scout passing by Glanced beyond the garden gate, And far and wide was heard her cry—

"Oh, what a shameful state!"
She straightway fell to weeding
And soon the garden grew
Into the nicest garden that her town
ever knew.

AINA H. BLANK, Newington, Conn.

SPRING IN MY GARDEN

Soft and soothing sunshine
Is healing the winter wounds;
While deep in the heart of the garden
Awakening life abounds.

The touch of the soil to my fingers,
The scent of spring in the air,
Wake in my own heart an echo,
And banish worry and care.

On my knees — the warm breezes blowing,

While birds softly carol above— With eagerness born of emotion I bend to my labor of love.

Down deep 'neath the warm, leafy cover,

Dear, tender, green tips now appear,

And slowly but firmly creep upward, Assured that springtime is here.

I press back the leaves that have hidden

The violet, faithful and true— With reverent hand, I cover again Her wondrous secret of blue.

With each tender plant I uncover, Comes a surge of joy in the toil, And I gladly renew my allegiance, A willing serf of the soil. IDA L. McClure,

Troop 10, Buffalo, N. Y.

A GARDEN OF LONG AGO

Where grandma's footsteps used to tread,

Beside the garden wall, There bloom fair roses pink and red, In stately grandeur tall.

And where she sat near the old stone

The pansy bed still lies,

And the flowers seem to watch and wait

For her dear, sweet, smiling eyes.

The larkspur blue, and the pink moss rose

Bloom as in long ago,

And the summer wind still gently blows.

Their fair heads to and fro.

The sweet peas sway and the poppies

Lull them to sleep full well, While the moon and stars shine

overhead, And weave their magic spells.

For when the still of night doth fall, There gleams a silver glow,

And grandma's sweet voice seems to call

From that "garden of long ago." MAMIE WYCKOFF, Troop 39, New York City.

BRONX GIRLS ATTENTION

The Bronx Girl Scouts are thinking very deeply these days. A prize has been offered for the best name for the new Bronx camp which is to be situated on lower Twin Lake at Central Valley. Some suggestions have already reached headquarters at 370 East 149th Street, but the winner will not be selected until after May 15.

The name must be suitable for a girls' camp and must have a definite meaning that will be at once a pleasure and an inspiration to the campers. The prize of a new hand-book has been offered. All Scouts throughout the country are invited to send in suggestions to the director, Miss Anne M. Aitken.

SAVANNAH, GA.

Troop 17 of Savannah will celebrate its second birthday on April Although one of the 10, 1920. youngest troops in the organization, it is also one of the most active, the girls of this troop holding the record for the best Scout work and attendance for several months.

Since their organization two years ago they have taken part in all Scout activities, selling War Saving Stamps and Liberty Bonds, have Saving conducted war gardens, have assisted in various community work programs

and done Red Cross work of all kinds. Besides finding time to have a Christmas sale the proceeds of which went to furnish their room at Scout Headquarters, they are Second Class Scouts.

On their birthday they are planning to give a little Scout play, to which their families, friends and the other troops will be invited.

Miss Addie Amram is captain, and the members are: Rosalind Hellman, Dorothy Coleman, Eugenia Burroughs, Ruth Petrie, Edith Petrie, Constance Howard, Jennie Beach, Mae Hawley, Betty Michaels, Elizabeth Pruitt, Adel Simons, Susie Norward, Mary Thompson, Theda Collins, Jeanette Davis, Georgia Nelson, Amy Lindauer.

NEW YORK CITY

Girl Scout Troops No. 5, 17, 102, 103 of the Educational Alliance held a Washington-Lincoln Celebration.

Bluebell Troop No. 108, wrote a play called "Washington's Fortune", which was presented. It dealt with Washington and the little wood cutter's daughter who told him his fortune. The camp fire scene was one of the most popular numbers. Both the auditorium and the stage were darkened except for the light of the fire (electric lights and red paper).

You'd never believe that ghosts could warm their toes, would you, but if you had seen the next number, "Ghosts Meet Ghosts," you would have believed it pretty quickly. This play was a fantasy, and the ghosts



A Jolly Troop of Girl Scouts from Savannah, Ga .- Read about their good times below

A SCOUT GARDEN

Wonderful things are Scout gardens, And wonderful things they can do; They can help the poor and needy, And help the troop treasury, too.

Flowers come from Scout gardens, And wonderful things they can do; They can cheer sick and suffering, And beautify gardens, too.

Vegetables come from Scout gardens And wonderful things they can do; They can feed the starved and hungry,

And flavor our mother's broth, too.

Scout gardens can do this and more, If we Scouts are willing to work; If we get out and pull out the weeds, And carefully moisten the dirt.

> DOROTHY TITTER, Red Rose Troop, Lewistown, Montana.

of Washington, Lincoln, Stewart and other famous people met. They were seated about the fire and Washington parleyed with Lincoln. He requested Lincoln to give his Gettysburg address, but as the latter begged to be excused, a Girl Scout recited it. Lincoln then asked Washington to dance, but he also asked the Scouts to dance in his place and the girls of Troop 17, dressed in Colonial costumes, did the min-

ANOTHER STUNT FOR A
MAY PARTY
The "Bun Race" next. Set up two

poles a good distance apart, connect with a clothes line from which hang strings of different lengths according to the height of the players. Tie a bun at the end of each string. The players line up with hands securely fastened behind them and at a signal each tries to eat the bum





Don't tire your back bending over a sink that's too low.

-From "Scouting for Girls"

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them a special badge called "Scout Aide" is awarded.

This badge will probably be regarded by the outside world as the most important decoration the Girl Scouts can win, and all Scouts, who will try for it, should realie that those who wear it will represent the organization in a very special sense and will be eager to prove their practical knowledge and ability in the important subjects it stands for.

No young child could pretend to represent all this medal stands for. Any grown girl or woman should be proud to own it.

GOOD MANNERS AND SOCIAL FORMS

It is easier to meet people socially if we are acquainted with the simple forms of introductions, meeting and parting and so forth. A girl who is entertaining her friends will be more successful in doing so if she plans ahead how she can welcome them, and has all the necessary preparations for a substantial good time, at hand. This planning also makes it possible for her to be less occupied when the time comes, and to have a good time herself.

Stand where the guests can see you at once when they enter.

Always introduce a younger person to an older one, as "Mrs. Smith, may I present Miss Jones, or Mr. Brown?" A man is always presented to a woman, or a girl, as "Miss Brewster, may I present Mr. Duncan?"

THE FIRST AIDE IN ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES

Carelessness in the Street.—As, for example, taking chances in getting across in front of a car or automobile; running from behind a car without looking to see if some vehicle is coming from another direction; catching a ride by hanging on to the rear end of cars or wagons; getting off cars before they stop; getting on or off cars in the wrong way; being too interested to watch for open manholes, cellarways, sewers, etc.; reckless roller skating in the street, throwing things like banana peels on the street or side-

walk where people are likely to slip on them; teasing dogs or trying to catch strange ones; many dogs resent a stranger petting them and use their only means of defense—biting. Other examples will occur to you of carelessness in the streets which space does not allow us to mention here.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Has the town you live in a free swimming pool with instructors and well arranged hours for little children, older girls and boys and grownups? Can you step out after school and have a couple of hours on a well kept tennis court? Is there a good golf course reasonably near, with convenient trolley service? Are there plenty of playgrounds, so that the children are off the streets? And, since grounds are not enough, are there friendly young play-leaders connected with them, to get the children together and teach them all sorts of games and sports.

If none of these things are to be found, or not enough of them, would-

n't you like to have them?
"Of course I should," you reply,
"but what can I do about it? I am
only a girl, and I can't get all these
things by just wishing for them."

But that's just what you can do.
If you saw "Public Health" at
the head of a chapter, you might not
think it looked very interesting; but
when you once get the idea that if
your mother had had her say on
the Public Health Board you would
have had a fine skating pond with
a good skate-house, last winter, and
sunny, well-aired school rooms to

study in, with a big gymnasium for basket ball in bad weather, you may be more interested in the Merit Badge for Public Health called "Health Guardian!"

Remember that Public Health is simply good housekeeping, applied to the community.

It is a subject which women are sure to take up more and more, and a Girl Scout who has given the matter a little thought and study is going to make a good citizen later on, and will be certain to have her advice asked—and taken—in the matter of making her town healthy and happy.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

The following is a suggestion for the management of a day in high mountain altitudes. Arise with the sun or a little before breakfast. Breakfast consists of rice, dried fruit (put to soak the night before), bacon and shredded wheat biscuit. Before packing, make a small package of cheese, chocolate, raisins and biscuit for the noon lunch that can be reached without having to unpack the equipment. There should be a rest of at least an hour at noon, eating slowly, throwing off the pack, and if possible relaxing flat on the back for a while. Then another hike of three or four miles, making camp early in the evening, about 5 o'clock. This divides the day into three periods of hikes with a rest in between. The dinner is like the breakfast, with the addition of soup. Soup can be prepared and eaten while the rice is cooking. Mountain trout can be fried with bacon.

MEASUREMENTS

There are rules for determining length and weight, and it is important to understand them. Measuring a distance means to find out the length of the straight line from one point to another. To get a straight line in the open when walking fix the eyes upon two objects directly in front, one nearer and smaller than the other. With eyes high walk toward these objects, keeping them always in line. When ap-

Complete Cooking
Outfit for Eight
Scouts.

From "Scouting
for Girls"

Agnes
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SCOUTING NEWS FROM COLORADO SPRINGS

Gazette Bldg. Colorado Springs, Colo.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS

A number of our troops have recently had special meetings and programs for the mothers of the Scouts in the troop, when the troop sponsor, a member of the Local Council, has explained Scouting to the girls' mothers. The programs given at these meetings have been arranged by the Scouts themselves, and have been very varied, some troops have given short plays, or First Aid demonstrations, or tableaux illustrating Merit Badges that the scouts in that troop were working for. One troop had a most amusing "Backward Wedding." At these meetings the mothers have reported on how their daughters were doing their "Home Work." This "Home Work" is some definite duty, which will be helpful at home, and which the scout decides with her mother, to do for three months, regularly.

SPORT NEWS

Four troops here have basketball teams, and have been playing regularly. The Holly Troop is now playing a series of games with the Cheyenne School, and they have also had games with a number of other teams. The Girl Scouts of Calhan, Colorado, a town thirty-five miles from Colorado Springs, are reported to have a splendid basketball team, and the Holly Troop has been trying to arrange a game with them. On March twenty-seventh they started gaily off, packed in two automobiles, bound for Calhan. It was a clear beautiful morning, and it seemed that at last they would be able to have their game. They reached Calhan safely, but by the time they got there, such a blizzard was raging that it was impossible to consider playing on the outdoor field, so, much to the disappointment of both teams, the Holly Scouts climbed back into the automobiles, and started for home. But it was just a start, for the snow and the wind were so severe that very little headway could be made, and, as luck would have it, one of the machines broke down, right in the middle of the prairie. The other machine went on ahead to the next town, and a rescue party was sent out, who brought the occupants of the stranded machine in to town, where they

had to spend the night, as the snow was so blinding they could not finish the trip. Then there was a great time telephoning to families in Colorado Springs, and finding places for everyone to sleep, but after much giggling and singing, everyone was comfortably settled, and when they returned the next morning, they all declared that even if they were not able to have the basketball game, they had a wonderful adventure, and "wouldn't have missed it for anything." Incidentally, the car driven by the Girl Scout is the one which did not break down!

Two Scout hockey teams have been started recently, and are developing some fine players. Hockey is a new game in Colorado Springs, and has never been played here to any great extent, but the Scouts who have been playing are so enthusiastic that it is hoped that a number of troops will have teams, and annual tournaments can be held. Mrs. E. M. Swift, the Scout Commissioner, has offered a Hockey pennant for the team winning a series of five games, to be held until this team is defeated in a series. The two troops who have teams at present are the Oak and Violet Troops. Caroline Sunderland is captain of the Oak Troop team, and Elsie Weberbauer of the Violet team.

During February, when the influenza ban was preventing all in-door meeting, an "All Scout Hike" was held, when ninety scouts and their leaders walked to Buffalo Canon, about four miles from here, where we had our lunch, and afterwards a number of Scouts took their signalling and fire-making tests.

THE COURT OF HONOR

On March tenth a Court of Honor for First and Second Class tests was held, and three hundred and sixteen tests were passed. The number of tests passed and the interest shown in Scout work determine the standing of each troop in the "Scout Work" of the Inter-Troop Contest. For March the troop standings are as follows: Poppy first, Oak second, Holly third, Silver Spruce fourth, Violet fifth, then Jonuil, Red Clover, Pine and Kinnikinnik, Columbine and Flag. This contest is to last until the first of June.

RECORD OF AWARDS

We are very proud of our record of awards this month, as we have five new First Class Scouts, and twenty-six who have passed Merit Badge tests. These were presented at the Rally held on March 27th. The twelve Scouts who earned their "Invalid Cooking" Merit Badges immediately put their knowledge to practical use by taking soups, jellies and custards to the Visiting Nurse Association every week for distribution among the sick during the influenza epitlemic.

Our new First Class Scouts are: Virginia Garth and Beatrice Prior of the Holly Troop, Genevieve Lynch of the Oak Troop, Buelah Harless of the Jonquil Troop, and Marian Elser of the Poppy Troop.

Invalid Cooking Merit Badges were won by the following girls:

Adelaide Easley, Holly Troop.
Dorothy Swan, Holly Troop.
Dorothea Dudley, Holly Troop.
Margaret Poley, Holly Troop.
Helen Brown, Holly Troop.
Natalie Carroll, Holly Troop.
Ruth Organ, Holly Troop.
Beatrice Prior, Holly Troop.
Katherine Pauly, Poppy Troop.
Grace Berkley, Poppy Troop.
Agnes Killian, Jonquil Troop.
Malina Goldsmith, Jonquil Troop.

Badges for Perfect Attendance were awarded to Lela Marshall of the Flag Troop, and Marian Elser of Poppy Troop.

The following Scouts have won their "Cook" Merit Badge:

Margaret Poley, Holly Troop.
Dorothy Swan, Holly Troop.
Myrtle Curtis, Jonquil Troop.
Mary Woodworth, Violet Troop.
Madeline Steuert, Kinnikinnik
Troop.

Caroline Sunderlin, Oak Troop.
Mary Beeson, Oak Troop.
Lucy Vannatten, Red Clover
Troop.

Grace Berkley, Poppy Troop. Evelyn Harless, Poppy Troop. Virginia Russell, Poppy Troop. Captain Charlotte Kissel. Captain Agnes Donaldson.

Scout Margaret Poley of the Holly Troop has also won her Ambulance and Needlewoman Merit Badges.

An Exciting Story of Boarding School Life in Two Parts

LIBERAL LOANS

By Margaret Tod Ritter

Illustrated by Thelma Gooch

READ THIS FIRST

Laura Eloise Gillpin arrived at Miss Harper's School for Girls carrying

a large French doll.

She was immediately introduced to three of the most popular girls in school — Dorothy Frank, Pauline Lammon and Rachel Curtis. These girls seemed to be the jolliest, friend-liest sort to Laura Eloise; in reality they were laughing at her.

After three weeks the girls discovered that Laura Eloise was immensely wealthy and immediately Pauline Lammon, the most beautiful girl in school, called on her. They

became very friendly indeed.

Laura Eloise fairly showered
Pauline with gifts and clothes, denying herself many pleasures in order that her dear friend might be happy. In return Pauline gave her companionship, when convenient, and a few kisses.

Rachel Curtis was the only one of the girls who was sorry for Laura

Eloise.

Just before the Senior Reception Pauline saw the "only frock fit for the occasion" hanging in a shop window. She announced that she would auction off some of her belongings. Just as the auction ended Miss Harper came in and insisted that the money and articles be returned to their proper owners.

Pauline bemoaned her fate as the worst used girl in school, but was finally comforted by Laura Eloise's promise to lend her her own new

dress to wear.

PART II

OW this arrangement reached the ears of Miss Harper is only one of the many myssteries that are born in the life of a school. Be that as it may, let us take a peep at two letters that reached Miss Harper's office in answer to simultaneous communications from her. One read:-

Lammon Plantation, Morristown, Alabama.

"Dear Miss Harper:-

I hope you can make Pauline listen to reason; I have long since ceased to try. I am sorry that I am unable to supply a new frock for the party, but circumstances prevent. She should certainly not wear the

other young lady's frock but I doubt if you can make her see it. As a 'Mother' I am afraid I have made a rather bad job of it.

Sincerely Yours, Horace G. Lammon." The other read:-

Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York.

"Dear Miss Harper:-

If Laura Eloise insists on allowing the other girl to wear all her clothes don't let it worry you too much. In the end it may teach her a lesson.

Cordially, Marion Sanford Gillpin." Also, since we are bent upon this business of reading other people's letters, let us look at a note which reached Laura Eloise on the same day that Miss Harper received her two strange communications. The one to Laura Eloise is also headed:-

Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York.

and begins abruptly:-

"Of course Laura Eloise, you must understand that if you allow Miss Lammon to wear your new frock to the Senior Reception you will have to go in your old organdie.' It is signed:-

"Your loving Mother,

Marion S. Gillpin." And now I suppose it will be no great shock when I tell you that Pauline Lammon wore the new embroidered crepe and Laura Eloise appeared like Cinderella in a badly spotted organdie; but more of that anon.

Saturday morning, May twenty-four, Laura Eloise hurried into Pauline's room carrying the white embroidered crepe carefully over one arm. "If I could have the organdie now Paul," she suggested, laying the new frock tenderly upon Miss Lam-

mon's bed.

"Oh, the little beauty!" sighed Miss Lammon fingering the folds of the skirt with emotion. Laura Eloise I can never thank you enough for letting me wear it tonight; but you do understand, don't you dear? A Junior to appear in rags; unspeakable! and you, child, have saved me! Father has been heartless and Miss Harper—" here Pauline stamped her foot and wept.

Laura Eloise wept in sympathy. In her mind she pictured Pauline's heartless Father as something of a cross between a blood-hound and a wicked monster who beat his only fragile child with a hickory rod. Miss Harper was none other than a wicked witch bent upon destroying Pauline Lammon's joy in life. Well she, Laura Eloise Gillpin, would foil all their wicked plots! She would wear rags (meaning her first term organdie) that the darling of her heart might go clothed as a Junior should! At this point Miss Lammon's voice interrupted her flying thoughts.

"Anyway," Pauline was saying, you're only a Freshman, Laura Eloise, and no one will notice what

you wear."

'Of course. I could wear gingham and not a soul would know the difference," agreed Laura Eloise eagerly. 'So if you'll just find my old organdie for me-

"You darling," whispered Pauline tenderly, "there! You just run along and I'll bring it over as soon as Iwell, pretty soon, anyway.'

At seven-thirty Pauline rushed into Laura Eloise's room and laid the organdie, neatly folded, upon the chair nearest the door. "There you are dear; wish I could stop to chat but must simply rush back and dress. See you later!

"Thank the fates!" remarked Laura Eloise picking up the organdie; it had begun to look as though she would have nothing to wear.

"Why! My stars!" The folds fell open displaying a long pink stain of strawberry ice-cream commencing half way down the waist and ending with the hem of the skirt. "Why! My stars!"

For the first time since her intimacy with Pauline Lammon the ugly spirit of doubt reared it's head and looked at her with malicious eyes.

"It would almost seem," she told it slowly, "as though Pauline hid the spot inside and ran before I could discover it!"

After that she dressed slowly, slipping the organdie over her head with a sigh of regret. Loyalty plucked at her conscience; she hunted through her top bureau drawer until she came upon an old soiled red middy tie. This she looped into a small rosette with long, flowing ends and pinned on the front of her frock over the ugly stains. She considered the result successful since it hid possibly two-thirds of the trouble.

"Won't Paul be pleased when she sees me wearing her tie," she murmured. "It's the first time I've worn anything of her's for a long time. I—I don't think it was very nice of me to think what I did about the spot. I—I'm very sorry and ashamed."

With which salve to conscience she went downstairs and mingled with the crowd

A group of students were eating ice-cream upon a favorite window-seat upon the first landing. Innumerable paper shades cast a rosy glow upon the company assembled below. The group on the landing showed dimly behind a single shaded globe that shed it's light upon the fronds of many ferns. One girl, speaking in a high, musical voice, attracted the attention of a Freshman who drew nearer unnoticed.

"Honestly girls, when I saw her coming down the stairs with that

old red tie of mine floating out in front I thought I should die laughing. As for Harpy, she looked as though she wanted to kill her."

"Do you remember the day she came?" It was the voice of Dorothy Frank speaking; "and how we laughed when we saw her marching down the hall with Miss Pauley, carrying a great, hig baby-doll!"

a great, big baby-doll!"
"Do I?" In fervent tones from
the first speaker. "Why I haven't
stopped laughing from that day to
this!"

e crowd.

A group of students were eating other voice, "you ought to be ashamed e-cream upon a favorite window-at upon the first landing. Innum-darling frock too!"

"Oh, la! la!" The familiar exclamation rose on a gay note of laughter. "You should have been a boy Rach, and entered the ministry; preaching is your long suit."

"I can't help it, I think it's sinful the way you talk about her behind her back."

"She certainly is handy when it comes to buying pastries and things," murmured an indistinct voice. "Horrors, Hattie, wouldn't Miss Harper scold you if she could hear you talking with your mouth full! Well, Dolly certainly did all of us a good turn when she put us wise to Laura Eloise's money."

"I certainly have had my share of matinees for once in my life!" laughed Dolly.

"Here too, admitted the voice of Ruth De Moyer, "though to be frank I've known it wasn't a straight game and I've hated it—sometimes."

"Oh, as far as that goes," Claire Rogers spoke coldly, "if little Gillpin hasn't more sense than to let everybody walk over her I don't see why we should cry."

"Good for Claire, that's what I say! And besides, what would I wear, pray, if it were not for Laura Eloise's clothes?"

"Your own."

"My own? Horrors! I'd as soon die!"

"Die, then."

"Rach, you're perfectly horrid. I'll tell you right now that I'm going to keep on the good side of Laura Eloise Gillpin as long as her clothes last. To be sure, I can't bear her, she bores me nearly to death with her devotion, but then, there's always something unpleasant with every good thing and I trust I know a snap when I have it."

"You're disgusting; you're—you're immoral; you're—"

"Oh, la! la! Come on girls, let's go tease Smithy for another piece of cake. Since Rach here feels so tender-hearted about little Gillpin let's leave her to her pleasant thoughts. 'By Rach; when you're ready to make up let me know. I shall tell Laura Eloise I quarreled with you about her; that will flatter her terribly!"

Pushing aside the long leaves of the ferns Laura Eloise Gillpin crept to the empty window-seat and lay with her face against the cold window-pane. She did not see a tall, grey-eyed girl standing in the shadows. She did not see anything. She did not hear. She scarcely felt. She only knew that happiness had deserted her with light laughter and therefore she could not live. She lay, waiting for death, her eyes fixed blankly upon the stars, her hands clenched tightly above her heart.

"Pauline!" she moaned, "Pauline!

It was youth's first tragedy.
"Poor Laura Eloise! Poor kid!"

Rachel Curtis lifted the limp figure in her arms and sat down rocking it back and forth as a Mother rocks her child. "I'm so sorry you heard, dear. There! cry; it will do you a world of good."

"I would rather die," sobbed Laura Eloise twenty minutes later.



For the first time the ugly spirit of doubt reared it's head and looked at her.

"Well, we can't always die when we want to," replied Miss Curtis shrewdly, "besides, it's a lot pleasanter to live, really."

"Not without P-Pauline!"

"Well, I for one think I can pull along, even without Pauline."

"But she promised to make up with you! She c-can't b-b-bear me.

"Something tells me I shall not avail myself of her promise," marked Miss Curtis dryly.

"Not make up with Pauline!" her astonishment Laura Eloise sat up briskly. Something in the older girl's face spoke to her mind, lately forced open to strange intelligence, as no words could have done.

'You mean, Pauline, isn't-worth

-it?"

"Something like that," said the other lightly, exquisitely tactful.

Laura Eloise pressed her hands together and in doing so tangled an end of the middy tie between her

It-it is Pauline's," she explain-

ed, her under lip quivering.

'Suppose we bury it," suggested Rachel in a wonderfully matter-offact voice.

"It-it hides a spot," admitted the

younger girl.

"Let's see." With swift fingers Rachel unpinned the limp rag. 'There! that's just fine; with these red lights no one would guess in the world. The spot just fades right into your dress at a little distance! Now then we'll go down stairs and have some fun.

But at this Laura Eloise held back. Into her eyes had come a sudden look of suspicion. Her mouth grew hard and she snatched the string of red ribbon out of Rachel's hand.

"I suppose," she said coldly, her voice shaking with anger, "I suppose you think that now you can wear my clothes. Of course! If you get to be friends with me instead of Pauline why-why-

"You little wretch!"

With unspeakable hostility the grey eyes and the brown met and

"You little wretch!" For a moment it looked as though the tall figure of Rachel Curtis was going to crush the small one of Laura Eloise Gillpin; then the figure of Miss Curtis relaxed on a gust of laughter.

"You poor kid. Well, if that's what you think Laura Eloise just take a real good look at me and imagine me in one of your frocks!"

Laura Eloised looked. Then she too laughed. "I-I think it would reach to your knees, Rach," she gig-

"That's all right then," decided Miss Curtis, "shall we go down?"

Turning her back Laura Eloise

raised the string of red silk swiftly to her lips; then, crumpling it into a bright soft ball she flung it into a large tub containing a rented fern. when she turned back her eyes were the eyes of one who has buried a first, lost love.

'Come," said Miss Curtis kindly. "Yes," said Laura Eloise wistfully, and put her hand into the outstretched hand of her friend.

(THE END)

TASTES OF THE NEW **HANDBOOK**

(Continued from page 4)

proaching the first one choose another to take its place in line with it and the second. Always have two objects in direct line with the eyes.

If you know the distance between the end of your little finger and the end of your thumb when they are stretched apart, the palm of the hand being held flat, you can measure a distance such as the length of a table, shelf, pole, etc. When judging the height of a person, remember that the distance from the top of the head to the chin is about oneninth of the height of the body. The distance between the middle fingers when the arms are stretched straight out from the shoulders is equal to the height of the body.

KNOTS AND THEIR USES FOR GIRL SCOUTS

An interesting story is told by a Girl Scout who watched two men trying to hang a very large and heavy curtain which was to be used as a part of the stage setting for an entertainment. The men tried to tie two ropes together, one of which was considerably larger than the other. Every knot they tied was pulled out by the weight of the curtains. Finally the men were quite ready to say "It cannot be done." It was then that the Girl Scout offered her services. The men looked at her doubtfully, but said, "Go ahead." course, she tied a knot that held fast, then she had to teach it to the men. You see she could be helpful, for she knew the kind of a knot that would hold two ropes of unequal thickness together and knew how to make it.

PROFICIENCY TESTS AND MERIT BADGES

It is important that every Girl Scout should understand that the winning of anyone of the following Merit Badges does not mean that she is a finished expert in the subject.

What does it mean then? It means

three things:

1. She has an intelligent interest in the subject.

2. She has a reasonable knowledge of its broad principles.

3. She is able to present some practical proofs of her knowledge, so that a competent examiner can see that she has not simply "crammed it up" from a book. Doing, not talking or writing, is the principle of the Girl Scouts.

One of the great things about these Merit Badges is that they require a definite amount of perserverance. This is a quality in which women are sometimes said to be lacking; if this is a fair criticism, the Merit Badges

will certainly test it.

Nobody compels any Scout to earn these Badges; she deliberately chooses to do so. Therefore, to fail in a task she has voluntarily set herself, comes straight back to her and shows her what stuff she is made of. For a while it is of no particular importance how many things you start in this life, it is of great importance how many things you finish! Out of the goodness of heart, or quick interest, or sudden resolution, a girl will start out to master a subject, earn a certain sum of money, make something for herself or someone else, form some good habit or break some bad one; and after her first enthusiasm has died out, where is she? So that a great many people laugh at a girl's plans -and with reason.

THE COLUMBINES

S. B. D.

I climbed Monadnock in the month of May,

And as I reached the upland pastures there,

I paused, when all at once I saw a flare

Of scarlet columbines, so bright and

That I could not but linger on my

To watch them waving in the gentle breeze:

While winging from the woods there came the bees

To suck the nectar that within them lav. What wonder that these dwellers on

the height Have caught the golden gleam of

morning skies Or sunset's ruddy glow ere daylight

dies. And though when I the further climb

essayed These waving torches quickly passed

from sight, The picture that remained hath ever staved.

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BOOKS FOR THE GIRL SCOUTS

This list was Prepared by Miss Loretta Chappell for the Girt Scouts of Colum us, Ga. Are any of your facorites here?

SCHOOL AND HOME.

Little Women, Alcott.
Maida's Little Shop, Gilmore.
Dandelion Cottage, Rankin.
Abbie Ann, Martin.
What Katy Did, Coolidge.
Betty Bide at Home, Dix.
The Little Colonel, Johnston.
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm,

Wiggin. Hans Brinker, Dodge. Cinderella's Grand Daughter,

Gilchrist.
The Sapphire Signet, Seaman.
Sara Crewe, Burnett.
Diddie, Dumps and Tot, Pyrnell.
Heidi, Spyri.
Texas Blue Bonnet, Jacobs.
An Old Fashioned Girl, Alcott.
The Crimson Sweater, Barbour.
Prudence of the Parsonage, Huesten.

Stories with Historical Background.

The Lucky Sixpence, Knipe.
Beatrice of Denewood, Knipe.
Merrylips, Dix.
Soldier Rigdale, Dix.
Master Skylark, Bennett.
The Prince and the Pauper, Twain.
Elinor Arden, Royalist. Du Bois.
Unknown to History, Yonge.
A Dove in the Eagle's Nest, Yonge.
Men of Iron, Pyle.
Otto of the Silver Hand, Pyle.
Jack Ballister's Fortunes, Pyle.
Jacqueline of the Carrier Pigeons.
—Seaman

BIOGRAPHIES.

The Story of My Life, Keller.
Louisa May Alcott, Moses.
The Promised Land, Antin.
My Mother and I, Stern.
Personal Recollections of Joan of
Arc, Twain.
God's Troubadour, the Story of St.
Francis of Assisi, Jewett.
Florence Nightingale, Richards.

Historic Girlhoods, Holland. Heroines of Service, Parkman.

POETRY, ESSAYS AND DRAMA.
The Blue Bird, Maeterlinck.
The Blue Flower, Van Dyke.
Golden Numbers, Wiggin & Smith.
Story-Telling Poems, Olcott.
The Faraway Princess, Rostand.
The Legend of the Three Weavers
(in The Little Colonel at Boarding School) Johnston.

Some First Novels and Love Stories.

When Knighthood was in Flower, Major. Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall,

Major.
Monsieur Beaucaire, Tarkington.
Ivanhoe, Scott.
Kenilworth, Scott.
The Deerslayer, Cooper.
The Last Days of Pompeii,
Bulwer Lytton.

Lilliecroma's Home, Lagerlof. Arn, Bjornson. The Story of Colette, Schultz. Helen's Babies, Habberton. Daddy Long Legs, Webster. The Second Violin, Richmond. Abbe Constantin, Halevy. Ramona, Jackson. John Halifax, Gentlemen, Mulock. Jane Eyre, Bronte. David Copperfield, Dickens. The Crisis, Churchill. The Black Arrow, Stevenson. The Princess Aline, Davis. In Ole Virginia, Page. Red Rock, Page. On Newfound River, Page. Nancy Stair, Lane. To Have and to Hold, Johnston. The Virginian, Wister. Ben Hur, Wallace. The Four Million, O'Henry. The Days Work, Kipling. Mother, Norris. The Starling, Tompkins. Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch,

Lovey Mary, Rice. Sandy, Rice.

PRESENTATION OF THE GOLDEN EAGLET

Campaign week was an exciting one for all Scouts and January 30th proved to be a "night of nights" for Troops 5 and 11 of Boston. In the Assembly Hall of the East Boston High School both troops did its utmost to make their entertainment a success.

Troop 5 took part in "The Scout Spirit," which was published in the December number of THE RALLY. Then came the film that all Scouts love so, "The Golden Eaglet," which showed just what the Scouts are so proud of-their usefulness in practical things. This film was very interesting to those who previously knew very little of scouting. In the intermission between parts One and Two, the most important event of the evening took place. Scouts Annie Levenson (Troop 5) and Beatrice Clarke (Troop 11) were presented by Mrs. James J Storrow with the Golden Eaglet Badge. Both these girls are Scouts of whom their respective troops might well be proud. At this time Mrs. Fred L. Pigeon. who has been, still is, and always will be, a real, true "friend to all" the members of Troop 5, was presented with the Thanks Badge, much to her surprise. After considerable cheering, the second part of the film followed.

Next came the dance known as Jack and Jill, which was so appreciated the spectators applauded most enthusiastically. Following this came shadowgraphs illustrating the different bugle calls at camp. These were very well acted out and most enjoyable of all was the last "Taps." when as the last note of the callsilently died away, the cot holding the Scout demonstrating said cali, decided its burden was too heavy and refusing to bear her any longer, left her on the floor, causing a lot of laughter and merriment to the look-

E. V. T., Boston, Mass.

Attention! Scouts and Captains You are invited and expected to take

part in a Photograph Contest given by National Headquarters beginning now.

FIRST PRIZE is a large camp grill, 12 x 27 inches, with a large aluminum pot and lid. SECOND PRIZE is a large electric torch. THIRD PRIZE is a complete first aid kit.

RULES for the contest are few and easy to follow. All pittures submitted must be glazed prints, and of a size $3 \frac{1}{4} \times 4 \frac{1}{2}$ inches or larger. Do not send negatives—but finished prints. The pictures must be of scout activities and taken out of doors, and the girls must be in uniform. Camp pictures are desirable, and photographs taken last year will do. The contest closes on June 15th. Address your offerings properly protected for the mail, to the

Publicity Department at headquarters, 189 Lexington Ave.,

Rice.

New York City.

On the back of each photograph must be written in a legible hand the name of the scout who submits the picture together with the name and number of her troop, and her address giving street number, town or city, and state.

The judges will be photographic experts selected by National Headquarters.



SCRIBES' CORNER—HOME SCOUT NEWS—A

WINCHESTER, KY.

The Girl Scouts of Bluebell and Bluebird Patrols of Troop 1, Winchester, Ky., gave a silver tea for the Armenians on St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick decorations were used, and as the Scouts had not yet received their uniforms, they all wore white middy suits with green ties and hair ribbons. A very interesting program was given and the last song was sung by all the Scouts.

About thirty dollars was received during the afternoon.

B. B., Secretary.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

In reading the recent issue of the RALLY I have read of the starting of different troops and their work. I thought others would be interested in reading about our troop.

We were organized in November, 1917, with about a dozen girls enrolled. During the war we did all sorts of work which we were called upon to do, such as marching in patriotic parades and helping in the different loans, doing Red Cross work, and selling War Saving Stamps. We had war gardens and twenty-two girls received War service pins, ten Liberty Loan medals. We have supported two French orphans since January, 1918, and have been corresponding with them. Last summer we made clothes for the Grace Hospital Nursery and we worked in the office there.

We recently gave a demonstration to help Americanization and organized three troops. During the drive last year we had a showing of the Golden Eaglet, from which we raised about \$200

Last month we started a rifle corps which has been very interesting and lots of fun, and now we are planning a contest in Scout work with a Boy Scout Troop.

Secretary of Troop 1.

HARTSDALE, N. Y.

The Girl Scouts of Hartsdale have been doing some "stunts" these chilly evenings of the early spring.

It took some preparation to perfect the "monkey-walk" and "skinthe-snake," and the "sail-boat" and the "elephant-walk" were not accomplished with any less degree of practice. There were hours and hours of getting about on all-fours as well as rocking the boat over many a rough passage. But it was worth it in the end.

The two teams, as it happened, were very evenly divided as to ability-six in each and as speedy a six as any team could wish for. It's no wonder that the "monkey walk" went off with a flourish in the finals in such a close competition for honors that it kept the umpires guessing for a time, and when it came to the "sail-boat," they certainly were at sea. But there was a very careful marking for speed and form and quality—a point for the team and a point for the indi-vidual — so that in the end there couldn't be any question as to the winners. And that's where the prizes came in - the new hand-book for Scouts (when it's out) as first prize, and a Scout handkerchief for the booby. The winner of the booby got it because she fell overboard in the sailboat. But as she said, "It's a perfectly goodlooking handker-

In more serious vein we held an Easter plant sale to get a little money together for uniforms. We worked out a well devised scheme, and when it was all over we came to the conclusion that there's an advantage in being a country Scout —one can always call on Mother Nature to help out. Mother Nature in this case was aided in turn by a friendly gardner on the big estate of someone who was willing that the Scouts should have a share in the contents of his greenhouses. The result was an Easter splendor past all expectations. Tulips, daffodils, marguerites in bright array lifted their heads to greet the passers-by along the highway. And best of all the passers-by bought. Tulips brought in many a five-dollar bill, and the daffys went to grace many a Hartsdale window.

The outcome was that the Scouts were sold out in a day. And the proceeds were big enough to buy all the uniforms and a lot of things besides. But then as we said before, "There's one advantage in being a country Scout."

B. C., Girl Scout Patrol No. 1.

CUDAHY, WISC.

The Girl Scouts of Troop 1, Cudahy, Wisc., gave a play from which they realized over thirty dollars. They have now four patrols, the Whippoor-will, Bob-white, Robin and Bob-o-link.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

T-r-double o-p, O-n-e,

Yeh! Girl Scouts! rang through the Gym as the Girl Scouts of Troop One, St. Louis, Mo., gained their first victory in basket ball Saturday night, March 20. The score was 17-6.

Our troop has been in existence for two yearss but this is the first time we have communicated with The Rally. We are very peppy and have gone on many hikes. The longest hike we have taken so far

the troop of Boy Scouts connected with our church.

We have given two minstrel shows, each of which has been a great success. Out of a troop of sixteen we have five First Class Scouts. Two girls have seven merit badges.

is 13 miles, to a cabin owned by

We hope to send in more items

at other times.

A. W., Troop 1, St. Louis, Mo.

WILLIAMSTOWN, N. J.

Forget-me-not Troop sent in to a manufacturer of candy in Philadelphia for one case of chocolates, which they bought. These they sold for seven cents apiece, taking in over \$84, and after paying \$49 for the candy, they had a clear profit of \$35. Candy is always something which sells very readily and the Scouts had disposed of all their chocolates in less than two weeks.

L. M. C., Captain.

NOTES FROM NEW JERSEY

Girl Scouts are growing rapidly in New Jersey. Offices have been opened in New Brunswick, Elizabeth, Jersey City, and the North Hudson Section (comprising seven communities). Three of these offices have full time paid workers and one of them a part time worker.

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New Brunswick and Elizabeth
have been given very successful Ral-

lies.

Although Scouting was only organized in Elizabeth during December, there are now 28 troops there, including two colored and two Brownie troops.

Miss Cora Nelson, National Field Captain, will run a joint camp for New Brunswick, Eliabeth and Rahway. It will be located on the edge of a beautiful lake near Dover.

-AND SCOUTING NEWS FROM ABROAD



GUIDING IN BRAZIL

The following article and illustration were taken from the January, 1920, issue of The GIRL GUIDE GAZETTE.

HAVE been for a few weeks to Brazil recently, and, quite by chance at a luncheon party one day at Rio de Janeiro, Guiding was mentioned, and at once enthusiasm was in the air, and I was asked if I would not go and see the 1st Rio Cadet Company that had just been formed, but had not yet been en-rolled. Of course, I promised to go, and as distances in Rio are tremendous-the city spreads in all directions right up into the mountains and all round the beautiful bays-a big motor called for me, and I was whirled away to the Atlantic side of the town to the charming headquarters of the company at the house of the Acting-Captain, Lady MacKenzie.

Here I met about half the company, who intended to form their own companies later on, and I was at once beseiged with questions, luckily for me in English or French, as I knew no Portuguese. The girls seemed particularly interested in the badges to be gained, but they had never seen any, and I, unfortunately, had none to show them except my Tenderfoot Badge. They also appeared to thoroughly enjoy drill, which they had been instructed in by a Canadian officer who had gone to Rio in search of health, after being gassed in France. They seemed delighted with the novelty of it all, and besides learning drill had had first-aid lectures to make a beginning and were soon to start Nature study in perhaps the most wonderful country in the world to observe and marvel in.

I was able to give hints to the captain as to how an enrolment is usually conducted over here, and then she wanted me to promise to enrol her company; but as it would have to be in Portuguese and I had no uniform with me I should have been in a panic, so got out of the difficulty by enrolling the captain privately with my Tenderfoot Badge, and it was then quite in order to enrol the others.

The following week, Wednesday, August 13, I attended the enrolment ceremony, which was carried out in great style, everything going like clockwork. Unfortunately, instead of the whole company of 18 being there, only 11 guides were enrolled owing to illness and various causes; another disappointment was, that none of the Tenderfoot Badges had come out from England. However, one of the Patrol Leaders on her own initiative (a true Guide) had embroidered most perfectly, both sides alike and the exact size, the trefoil in green silks for each of the Guides, and these they were to wear until the real badges arrived. This girl had also in a few hours embroidered her patrol flag, and chosen as the emblem a palm tree, the other patrol having a pink flamingo; how different these seemed after the well-known ones used over here.

The girls were very excited as the

hour drew near for the ceremony before the most influential people in Rio; but I got them all together to stand still long enough to take some snapshots, and promised to send them one each if they came out well, which they did, and I enclose one of them.

The spectators, in great expectation, assembled outside in a courtyard, a whistle was blown and in ran the Guides, who had up to this time remained hidden, so that the first view of them came as a surprise. They certainly did look charming, and so workmanlike; white duck uniforms and hats, dark blue belts, ties and hatbands, and white shoes and stockings, for although it was their winter time it was as hot as our best summer weather, and blue serge would have been impossible.

The Guides formed up smartly in line and went through the drill without a mistake, much to the amusement of the onlookers, who had probably never seen girls drilling before.

They were then dismissed and recalled again to form the usual horseshoe, and in great solemnity the enrolment took place in Portuguese, the only difference was, they said "God and my Country" instead of "God and the King." They reformed again in a straight line and saluted the flag which had been presented to them.

The Brazilian flag is composed of a blue sphere with 21 stars on it, one for each State, on a yellow diamond on a green background; across the sphere in white is the motto:

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Girl Guides in Brazil wear white duck uniforms and hats for it's entirely too hot forkhaki —but they love to drill just the same.





Our Party Page

A MAY PARTY

The really nice way to deliver invitations for a May party is by hanging May baskets on the door knob of your friends' homes by a loop of ribbon. The invitations should be placed among the flowers. These baskets may be made out of birch bark or colored paper or purchased very cheaply.

If the day is bright and sunny the games may be played out of doors. If it is too chilly most of them may be adapted to the house.

Early in the spring is the time for college "Track Meets," so it will be fun for you to try out the following stunts in this form.

In the first place, captains should be chosen for two sides and they in turn choose their own teams. Or, if you prefer, you might pass around a basket with two kinds of flowers and let everyone draw, for instance the girls drawing May flowers play together and those drawing violets. Another way still to choose teams for this exciting "Meet" would be to have a spider web spun around the garden and give an end of string to each girl, half of them ending at one place and half at another. Baskets of flowers of contrasting colors should be placed at the ends of the web so that each member of the team might wear the team colors in

The famous "One-Yard Dash" comes first. Measure off one yard and give each member of both teams one peanut. All must start at a signal given by a water pistol. The girls must get down on their hands and knees and push the peanut with their noses to the goal. The team pushing a peanut over the line first wins.

As many girls as wish from each team may enter the "Tug of War." Tie a raisin firmly in the middle of a long piece of string. Have each girl take hold of one end with her teeth and chew up the string for the raisin. Hands must not assist in any way. The team finishing first wins.

The "Cracker" Contest is quite difficult. The teams should line up opposite each other. A plate of crackers is passed and the girls are to eat, swallow, and see who can whistle a tune first.

As everyone will be very thirsty when the "Cracker" Contest is finished, it will be a good plan to try the "Drinking Race" next. The teams should sit on the ground facing each other and each girl is given a full tumbler of water which she must consume a spoonful at a time. There must be no spilling and the girl who drinks it all first wins the contest for her team. If a girl spills any water at all she is out.

Right after this is a good time for the "Running High." The girls must sing the scale and the team that can reach the highest note wins.

The "Standing Broad" will bring peals of laughter, for the girls stand perfectly still and grin. Needless to say the broadest grins win the contest, though it is well to determine

All girls like to give parties and certainly Girl Scouts are no exception. This is proved by the number of requests we receive at Headquarters for entertainment material. We have therefore decided to give every month in The Rally a number of party suggestions. If there is any particular kind of party you wish help with, write to us. On the other hand if you have an original idea for an entertainment, send it in. will pay \$1.00 for any account of a party or plan for a party considered worthy of publication.

the length of the grins by a tape measure.

A "Breathless Race" comes next. Each girl in a team or a certain chosen few are given one soda straw and a very small bean (or preferably pea) each. The straw is put in the mouth and the bean or pea is held on the end by holding your breath and drawing in. The team carrying a certain number to the goal first wins.

The "Hurdle Race" will give an opportunity for a little rest. Six needles with thread are placed on the table in front of each team. The first girl in the line threads the six needles and passes to the back of the line, the next girl steps forward and unthreads them, the next one threads them again and so on until the end of the line.

Six girls, or more if you wish, should be chosen from each team for the "Cornflake Contest." Two blindfolded girls from the same team are seated opposite each other with a bowl of dry cornflakes between them. They are to feed each other and the two girls finishing their bowl first win for their team.

The "Standing High Jump" is good fun also. Tie three or more doughnuts to the limbs of trees about four inches higher than the mouths of the contestants. Tie their hands behind the back with handkerchiefs. The girl who first bites the doughnuts wins.

The "Fifty Yard Dash" is most amusing. A number of girls chosen from each team must sit on butter tubs and hitch themselves over the ground from one goal to another. If she falls off the tub she is ruled out.

When it comes time for the prizes to be awarded, the team winning the greatest number of points is presented with tiny baskets of flowers.

By this time everyone will be hungry and the refreshments should be on the order of a picnic and may be served in baskets decorated with flowers and the very nicest place to eat it would be in the garden or under the shade trees on the lawn.

Philadelphia Girl Scouts

Edited by EDITH K. STERN

Acting Executive Secretary

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR

We are happy to announce that our new Director has at last arrived. We want to welcome you, Miss Waddell, to Philadelphia, and hope that you will enjoy being here as much as we enjoy having you. We know that the San Diego Girl Scouts feel very badly about losing you. How do we know this? Because they have told us so! And in very plain language, too. But we hope you will learn to like us and be very happy here in Philadelphia.

BANNER CONTEST

The banner was again won by Troop No. 24. This is the fourth time that Troop No. 24 has won the banner contest.

HONOR ROLL

The following troops received over 80 per cent for inspection during the month of March.

Troop No. 56, 95 per cent. Troop No. 110, 89 per cent. Troop No. 164, 86 per cent. Troop No. 175, 89 per cent.

Troop No. 18, 89 per cent.

CAMP-1920

Don't miss camp this summer. Many plans are being made for your good time there.

Do nature study hikes with a real guide; First Aid classes taught by a trained nurse, signalling from signal stations, corn roasts, treasure hunts, rowing and swimming appeal to you? If so, plan your vacation at the Scout camp either in July or in August. There'll be straw rides, hikes, athletic meets and games galore.

Not a single Scout in Philadelphia can afford to miss the good times planned for the girls at camp. Every girl who is a loyal Scout all during the year will miss the biggest part of Scouting unless the summer includes for her a camping trip.

Already accounts of the preparations for the camp are appearing in the "Bi-Monthly News." The theatre benefit at the Garrick was a big success. So was the rummage sale. We thank you all for your help.

These are the big aids toward camp. If you'll help us raise the necessary funds, we'll do the rest.

There'll be another contest for camp letters this summer. Take advantage of the lovely spring days and learn fire building, knotting, cooking, etc., and be one of the honor winners.

Watch for more definite plans about the program. Watch for accounts of the progress of the camp; but in the meantime, plan for the week you want to be there, make arrangements with your troop and get your application in early.

LEONA A. MAXIM, Assistant Director.

TRAINING COURSES

Training School in Junior and Senior Grades Announced for Trinity Parish House

The Girl Scout Council of Philadelphia will conduct a "Training School for Girl Scout Leaders."

The junior course includes such subjects as military drilling, hygiene, child nursing, first aid and map drawing. The senior course, to which all young women having an interest in girls' work are invited, will consist of lectures on the art of being a hostess, citizenship, popular astronomy, parliamentary law, hiking and nature study and story telling.

The cost of the courses have been set at fifty cents. A feature will be a supper served for twenty-five cents by the scouts themselves under the direction of their captains. The course has been arranged by Mrs. John V. Martin, member of the local Girl Scout Council and chairman of the committee on education, of 1021 Farragut terrace.—Philadelphia Ledger.

JUNE FIELD DAY

Are you getting ready for the June Field Day? There will be a preliminary tryout in each district on May 15th, and the winners of these events will take part in the big Rally on June 26th. Following are the events: 1. Fire building and pint water boiling. 2. Scout Flag Relay Race—eight on a team. 3. Squad Drill. 4. Stretcher Drill. 5. Huckleberry Pie Race. 6. Knot Tying—largest number of perfect knots in 5 minutes.

For further details see current issue of "Bi-Monthly News."

This picture was taken by Troop No 110 and is the winner of the photographic contest, which called for "A Scout Activity in Winter." The picture was taken in Fairmount Park on March 28th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The judge, Miss Harriet van Baun, Captain of Troop 22, who is a photographic expert, considers this a very fine picture and thinks it is well posed and well taken. Congratulations to Troop No. 110.



Scouting Activities in Minneapolis

Edited by Marjorie Edgar, Director

LIFE SAVING CORPS MIN-NEAPOLIS GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts of Minneapolis have been concentrating on a swimming and life-saving program during the month of March in order that they might "Be Prepared" when the summer swimming season opened. The program has been under the supervision of the Life Saving Committee composed of four members: Miss Ruth Sampson of the Northern Division Red Cross and the Local Council, Miss Muriel Burdick, captain and qualified Red Cross examiner of life-saving candidates, Mrs. John Crosby, representing the Local Council, and Miss Lydia Thompson, of the Leaders' Association. The aims of the committee are two-fold: First, the interesting of all scouts, whether swimmers or not, in swimming and in resuscitation, and, second, the interesting of all good swimmers among the scouts in forming a life-saving corps, and preparing themselves in methods of water life-saving.

Through the First Aid Bureau of the Northern Division, there has been constant cooperation with the Red Cross, demonstrators and instructors being furnished for Leaders' Association meetings, mobilized troop meetings, and demonstrations during Life

Saving Week.

The week of March 20th to 27th was designated as Life Saving Week, and at all meetings during this period, resuscitation methods were demonstrated and taught. The organization of and requirements for membership in the Girl Scout Life-Saving Corps were outlined at these meetings. In order to receive a charter from the Red Cross, the corps must consist of not less than ten members of eighteen years of age or over, although additional members of fifteen to eighteen may be accepted. The requirements for the Life-Saving Corps are as follows:

A. Swim twenty yards, dressed in skirt, blouse and shoes which shall be fastened in the customary way. Without resting, other than floating, she must remove the skirt, blouse and shoes and continue to swim for eighty

yards before touching shore—25 points.

B. Swim several strokes on surface; then surface drive in from six to eight feet of water, and retrieve a ten-pound object, landing same on the bank. The object should be carried on the upper side of the body—25 points.

C. Carry living subject ten yards by each of the following methods: Breast stroke, across shoulder, head carry, two point carry—15 points.

D. Break wrist-hold, front strangle-hold, back strangle-hold in deep water and land patient by swimming 15 feet—15 points.

E. Float one minute in any posture and tread water thirty seconds—5 points.

F. Land patient properly from pool, or beach or open water, as if unconscious—5 points.

G. Demonstrate the Schaefer prone pressure method of resuscitation and be a subject for demonstration by another—10 points.

An auxiliary will be formed to provide encouragement and instruction for scouts below the life-saving corps age, and for scouts of all ages who are not expert enough swimmers to pass the difficult tests outlined above. This auxiliary will have three classes of members, (1) Beginners, (2) Swimmers, and (3) Rescuers. Candidates for the auxiliary must pass the following tests:

 Beginners must be able to swim 50 feet, using any stroke they prefer.

 Swimmers must be able to swim 100 yards, using two or more strokes; to dive properly from a take-off; to swim on back 50 feet; and to retrieve objects at reasonable depth from the surface.

3. Rescuers must be able to tow persons of their own weight 10 yards by each of the following methods:

a. Head-carry, using two hands and swimming on back.
b. Under-arm carry, using two

hands and swimming on back. c. Across-shoulder carry, using one arm and side stroke.

d. Using breast stroke, hands of rescued on shoulders. They must be able to show in the water three methods of releasing themselves from people in peril of drowning when grasped by:

Wrist-hold.
Front neck-hold.
Back neck-hold.

They are required to demonstrate both the Schaefer and Sylvester methods of performing artificial respiration, although the Schaefer method is the one preferred.

The committee feels that the organization of the auxiliary is just as

important as the founding of the Life-Saving Corps, and realizes that in the membership of the auxiliary will be found about three-fourths of the swimmers among the scouts.

The big demonstration which culminated Life-Saving Week was given on Saturday morning, March 27th in the Minneapolis Athletic Club by members of the Northern Division of the American Red Cross and Girl Scouts of Minneapolis. Following a brief talk on life-scying methods by Capt. L. E Fiero of the First Aid Bureau of the Northern Division, Miss Ruth Sampson, Chairman of the Life Saving Committee spoke on the requirements of the tests, and the purpose and value of the Girl Scouts' Life Saving Corps. Among the requirements is the passing of the endurance test, removing blouse, shoes, and skirt while in the water, which was demonstrated by Miss Burdick. The various strangle holds and carries of drowning persons were then demonstrated both on land and in water by Capt. Fiero, Mr. Hyatt, Miss Burdick, and Girl Scouts. An interesting representation of a scene at a summer resort was given in which a canoe carrying three occupants was over-turned, and rescue effected by swimmers from the shore.

Since the demonstration, Miss Burdick has given instruction on Saturday mornings and evenings at Unity House for all candidates for the Life Saving corps. The Minneapolis Athletic Club has offered the use of its pool for several evenings and at these meetings, the successful candidates for the corps and members of the auxiliary will meet for additional instruction and also for some forms of competition.

The Northern Division Bulletin of the American Red Cross in its issue of April 12th says, in an article on "Girl Scouts Form Life-Saving Corps:"

"Formation of Life-Saving Corps for Girl Scouts under the auspices of the Red Cross offers an opportunity to link up girls' work with the Peace Time Program of the Red Cross. The organization of a life saving corps in Minneapolis, the first to be chartered in that city, may be duplicated in any town throughout the Division, Minnesota and Montana presenting an unusually fruitful field on account of numerous lakes. This work is important because it is so necessary in a country which has ten thousand drownings a year, because it offers girls an opportunity to serve their country in a way which appeals to their imagination and because it fits the program of Girl Scouts into the wider policy of the Red Cross.

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GUIDING IN BRAZIL

(Continued from page 15)

"Ordem e Progresso" (Order and Progress), which might well have been chosen especially for the Guides. After this came an official photograph for one of the Rio papers, when suddenly there was a wild shout of "Fire," which caused great consternation among the spectators, for we saw clouds of smoke issuing from the near-by garage.

The Patrol Leaders at once gave orders, there was little confusion, each Guide obeying directions and going to her place, and I realized "Ambulance Drill" was taking place in the most realistic way, . Two small boys were rescued from the apparently burning building and attended to, one had a head wound, the other a broken arm, so a coat stretcher was fixed up, and they were quietly removed from the scene of action to the house.

The whole affair was very well done, and gave much amusement after it was understood to be only one side of the Guide training, and part of the afternoon's programme.

I had hoped to add extracts from the Brazilian papers, but they were left behind to be translated by the one English girl in the company, and

they have not come yet.

I am sure all English-speaking sister Guides will wish this new company the very best of luck and happiest career. I know I shall watch its growth with the greatest possible interest, and shall look forward to seeing its influence spread all over South America.

By the Wolverhampton Division Commissioner.

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Why is it dangerous to walk in the meadows in springtime-Because the trees are shooting and the bulrush is out (bull rushes out.)

Why is a vine like a soldier-Because it is listed and has ten drills (ten-drils) and shoots.

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